

Washington State Ferries
Status Report: Design and Build Partnership for Construction of up to Four Auto Ferries

Briefing Paper
Prepared for the February 2004
Transportation Commission Meeting

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PURPOSE:

To provide a Status Report on the purchase of up to four new auto ferries being procured in accordance with the Design and Build Partnership process authorized by RCW 47.60.810 *et seq.*

ACTION/OUTCOME:

This briefing is for information only and no action will be required of the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1680 which was signed into law in 2001 and is codified in RCW 47.60.810 *et seq.*, authorized the procurement of new auto ferries through use of a modified Request for Proposals (RFP) process whereby the prevailing shipbuilder and WSF engage in a design and build partnership for the design and construction of the auto ferries. The process was started by WSF on April 1, 2003.

DISCUSSION:

WSF will describe the design and build partnership process and report on the current status of the project. The briefing will cover the following topics:

- Description of the Design and Build Partnership process authorized by RCW 47.60.810 *et seq.*
- WAC Rule Change for Financial Prequalification mandated by RCW 47.60.816.
- Establishment of proposer Special Qualifications in accordance with RCW 47.60.690
- WSF schedule for implementation of the process in procurement of four (4) auto ferries.
- Internal Reviews of Financial and Special Prequalification requirements conducted by WSF.
- Schedule Status (RFP Volume IA, Prequalification, issued).
- Feasibility studies conducted by WSF, to determine vessel characteristics, including Propulsion System.
- Federal funding (FTA) for procurement of Propulsion Systems and Ships Service Generators.
- Process for selection of proposers for Phase II, Preparation of Technical Proposals.
- Outstanding issues:
 - Schedule for fourth Ferry.
 - Evaluation of purchase and lease-back agreements for existing and future ferry boat purchases per Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1163.

RECOMMENDATION:

This briefing is for information only.

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Schematic Concepts for Seattle Ferry Terminal Redevelopment

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PURPOSE:

A four-minute video presentation to show a range of schematic concepts for the redevelopment of the Seattle Ferry Terminal (Pier 52).

ACTION/OUTCOME:

This presentation is informational only.

BACKGROUND:

Redevelopment of the Seattle Ferry Terminal (Pier 52) is currently scheduled to begin in 2008 with completion anticipated by 2013.

This project may include opportunities for a public/private partnership that will establish Pier 52 as the hub of the Seattle waterfront. Expansion of Pier 52 will double the capacity of the dock and provide space for mixed-use development – shops, restaurants, potential housing, office space and more.

DISCUSSION:

WSF has awarded the environmental and architectural services portion of the redevelopment contract to LMN Architects of Seattle. Some of LMN's recent projects include Benaroya Hall and the new Seattle library. The video presentation was part of the winning proposal presented to Washington State Ferries by LMN.

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